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In re Application of: )  
Eric TERRANOVA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1751  
Application No.: 09/889,503 ) Examiner: E. Elhilo  
Date of Nat'l Stage Entry: July 18, 2001 )  
35 U.S.C. § 371 Date: October 22, 2001 )  
For: NOVEL CATIONIC OXIDATION BASES, )  
THEIR USE FOR OXIDATION DYEING )  
OF KERATINOUS FIBRES, DYEING )  
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF )  
DYEING )

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In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 6, 2003, the period for response having been extended to February 6, 2004 by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants request this application be reconsidered in light of the following:

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